

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:	)	
	:	Examiner: J. R. Pokrzywa
ATSUSHI MATSUMOTO ET AL.	)	
	:	Art Unit: 2625
Application No.: 09/434,404	)	
	:	Conf. No.: 3919
Filed: November 5, 1999	)	
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For: IMAGE PROCESSING	)	
METHOD, SYSTEM AND	:	
APPARATUS, AND	)	
STORAGE MEDIUM	:	August 16, 2006

**Mail Stop Amendment**

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

AMENDMENT

Sir:

In response to the Office Action of May 16, 2006, the Examiner is respectfully requested to amend the above-identified application as follows. The changes to the claims are reflected in the listing that begins at page 2, and the Remarks begin at page 10.